PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

SECOND COUNCIL.

NINTH SESSION.

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Wednesday, the 13th August 1941/29th Karkatakam, 1116.

The Sri Chitra State Council reassembled at 11 of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., L. L. D., President-presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members took the oath and signed the rolls :—

1. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*)
2. Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose, (*Surgeon General*)
3. Dr. K. L. Moudgill (Ag. *Pro vice-chancellor*)
4. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture.*)
5. Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Publication of Government Malayalam Copy Books.

35. * **Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai** (*Quilon cum Kunnathur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Proprietor of the Keralavilasom Press, Trivandrum, has entered into an agreement regarding the publication of Government Malayalam copy books with Government in 1114 M. E. for a period of two years ;

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[Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai]

(*b*) whether according to the terms of that agreement, it is incumbent on the printer to get the permission of Government every time before the copy books are printed ;

(*c*) whether the Proprietor of the Keralavilasom Press at any time printed copy books without the requisite sanction of Government ; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken by Government ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, if the number printed is in excess of that sanctioned by Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) His explanation was obtained and he was told that he should not have printed copies in anticipation of sanction.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : With reference to part (c), may I know from the member whether it was not an infringement of the conditions of the agreement ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It was, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether the condition was imposed to prevent fraud being committed by the contractor ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K Nilakanta Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know why then the Government did not cancel the contract forthwith.

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : He expressed his regret and the Government did not pursue the matter further.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether he has still got with him such copy books ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Some copies of book No. 1 are still with him.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether the Government took any action to recover those copies ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : All those copies have been stamped.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the contractor can sell the books only after getting Government permission ?

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Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether he has actually sold any such book before obtaining permission ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : No, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether his explanation was satisfactory ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : The explanation was accepted.

Mr. James Fletcher (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : What are the formalities to be carried out before a copy book could be printed and sold ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Government will give intimation about the number of copies to be printed, and as soon as the copies are printed these will have to be produced in the Government Press for being stamped.

Mr. James Fletcher : May I know whether any printed copy has been sold without being stamped ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : No, Sir.

Royalty on the sale of Government Malayalam Copy Books.

36. ❀ **Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Proprietor of the Keralavilasom Press, Trivandrum, is bound to pay the royalty on the sale of Government Malayalam copy books by him at the end of every month ;

(*b*) whether he has defaulted payment at any time ;

(*c*) if so, the number of defaults committed by him ; and

(*d*) whether any action was taken by Government in respect of the defaults committed by him ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) *A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*d*) A notice was issued to him asking him to show cause, within 24 hours, why the contract with him should not be cancelled. As he then paid up the dues up-to-date and promised to be regular in future, the matter was not pursued further.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : With reference to the answer to (b) may I know whether this was not an infringement according to the conditions of the agreement ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It was.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether any action was taken for the rather frequent infringements ?

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